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The I-35W Solutions Alliance Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2014
Richfield Bartholomew Room
6700 Portland Avenue

Minutes

Members and Guests Present

Board members present were Suzanne Sandahl, Gene Abbott, Jan Callison, Bob Crawford, Mike Eastling, Lisa Freese, Elizabeth Glidden, Zach Johnson, Karl Keel, Ryan Peterson, John Powell, John Quincy, Mary Sherry, Thomas Terry, Tom Wolf, and Liz Workman; and member staff and visitors, Lee Munnich (U of M Humphrey School of Public Affairs), Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Joseph Scala (Hennepin County), Jon Solberg (MnDOT), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Bob Tennesen (Tennesen Law).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. by Chair Sue Sandahl.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting were approved.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

Audit Committee

Gene Abbott, Audit Committee Chair, said that John Quincy remains on the committee and Zach Johnson will join as well. They will provide an audit report in March.

Nominating Committee

Liz Workman, Nominating Committee Chair, met via email with the committee.

Election of Officers

The Nomination Committee brought forward the following for consideration for 2014 officers: Chair-Sue Sandahl; Vice Chair-Liz Workman; Secretary-John Quincy; and Treasurer-Tom Wolf. Upon motion made and seconded, Sue Sandahl was elected Chair; Liz Workman was elected Vice Chair; John Quincy was elected Secretary; and Tom Wolf was elected Treasurer.

Website Task Force

John Quincy, Website Task Force Chair, informed the group that the website is up to date.

Technical Committee

Ryan Peterson, Technical Committee Chair, did not have anything new to report. The Technical Committee will be removed from the next agenda and added as needed in the future.

Legislative Update

Bob Tennesen presented the Legislative Report, a copy of which was included with the agenda packet.

Future Transportation Funding

Lee Munnich, U of M Humphrey School of Public Affairs, presented *Finding a Sustainable Source for Transportation Funding*, including discussion on transportation funding sources; Trunk Highway Fund components and budgeted uses; mileage-based user fees; mileage charge pilots and studies; Minnesota statutory direction; Policy Task Force; trends in miles traveled and fuel consumption; annual gas taxes; recommendations; and Oregon Department of Transportation road usage charge legislation.

Project Updates

- Minnesota River Bridge Crossing – Stakeholder meetings are scheduled.
- I-494 Corridor Commission – Meeting at the end of this month for legislators.
- Hwy 169 Corridor Coalition – Meeting early March for legislators. Meeting next week at Marshall Road transit station, presentation on Regional Highway Transitway Study, and tour of facility.

Future Topics

- February, 2014 – Transportation Commission Charles Zelle
- March, 2014 – Travel Behavior Inventory, Jonathan Ehrlich with Met Council
- April, 2014 – Transportation Policy Plan and Regional Solicitation
- Near Future – Minnesota River Bridge Crossing, Sheila Kauppi with MnDOT

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2014, at the Richfield City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.